

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF VERNONIA CITY COUNCIL**  
**Meeting was held at the Scout Cabin**  
**February 4, 2008**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Sally Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.  
**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited**

<b>Those present:</b>	<b>Council:</b>	Sally Harrison, Mayor Councilor Brett Costley Councilor Shirlee Daughtry Councilor Randy Parrow Councilor Steve Whiteman
	<b>Staff:</b>	Aldie Howard, Interim City Administrator Chief Mat Workman, Vernonia Police Department Joann Glass, City Recorder
	<b>Press:</b>	Rebecca McGaugh, The Independent LLC Scott Laird, Vernonia's Voice
<b>Audience:</b>		Bud Dow                      Gene Winningham      Donna Webb      Doug Archer Judy Acton      Larry Dalrymple      Tess Workman      Sharon Parrow Neil Vandehey                      Pat & Mary Derrick      Pat & Jennifer Moloney Kim & Steve Perry                      Mike Kay                      Mike & Georgeanna Seager Mike & Katrina Conner                      Kevin & Helen Hudson                      Brent Dass Joyce Lincoln      Kim Sebring                      Joe Hammens                      James Daniel

**Approval or Addition to Agenda:**

The following was added to the agenda:

New Business:

4. Ordinance Waiving Certain Sections of the Development regulations to Allow Temporary Emergency Structures to be Placed in the General Commercial Zone and Declaring an Emergency
5. Letter requesting to serve on Budget Committee

Shirlee Daughtry moved to accept the agenda with the additions. The motion was seconded by Randy Parrow. Motion passed

**Topics from the Floor**

See attached sheet

**Consent Agenda**

1. City Council Minutes January 22, 2008
2. Cash disbursements for January 31, 2008

Brett Costly moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Parrow. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business

## **New Business**

1. Consideration of the Cooperative Assistance Agreement by and between Columbia County and the City of Vernonia for Storm Debris Services.  
Randy Parrow moved to accept the agreement by and between Columbia County and the City of Vernonia for Storm Debris Services. The motion was seconded by Shirlee Daughtry. Motion passed

2. Consideration of an Ordinance creating the Vernonia Economic Development Committee

Shirlee Daughtry moved to adopt an Ordinance creating the Vernonia Economic Development Committee and to appoint Randy Parrow as the Liaison for City Council. The motion was seconded by Steve Whiteman.

Adopted as read by title only:

The Mayor polled the panel: 5 Ayes Motion Passed

Second reading adopted as read by title only:

The Mayor polled the panel: 5 Ayes Motion Passed

3. Recommendation from the Vernonia Parks Committee requesting a storage container for the Vernonia Boosters at Spencer Park

Steve Whiteman moved to accept the recommendation from the Vernonia Parks Committee to allow the Vernonia Boosters to place a storage container for equipment at Spencer Field for a period of six (6) months after which time the situation should be reevaluated. The motion was seconded by Randy Parrow. Motion passed.

4. An Ordinance to Allow Temporary Emergency Structures to be placed in the General Commercial Zone and Declaring an Emergency

Shirlee Daughtry moved to adopt an Ordinance to allow temporary emergency structures to be placed in the General Commercial Zone and Declaring an Emergency. The motion was seconded by Brett Costley

Adopted as read by title only:

Mayor Sally Harrison polled the panel

Ayes 4 and Abstain 1 Randy Parrow is a business partner of the property

Second reading by title only:

Mayor Sally Harrison polled the panel

Ayes 4 and Abstain 1 Randy Parrow is a business partner of the property

Motion passed.

5. Letter requesting to serve on Budget Committee

The Council requested from staff to review the ruling for how many members can serve on the Budget Committee and how many members already are on the Committee and report next regular council meeting.

## **Correspondence**

1. Legislative Report from Rep. Brad Witt
2. Things Public Officials Should Know About Oregon's New Government Ethics Laws

## **Staff Report**

1. Police Report

Chief Workman reported that Sgt. Kay has started the CERT Training Program with tremendous turn out. Sgt. Kay obtained a Grant for this program

Purchased ear receivers for their radios which will help for better clarification in hearing and security from a Grant they received.

Attended a large group meeting in St Helens on what went wrong and what went right during and after the flood.

Suggested that a smaller group with Columbia County 911, Advisory Board and First Responders meet to go over what went right and what went wrong for better clarification

2. Public Works Committee reported that they will resume meeting in February

### **City Administrators Report**

1. FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers Daily Activity Report included for information only
2. Dale Merrill's proposal for a Sewer Rate Study
3. Breakdown of salaries for Interim City Administrator and Finance Director
4. Waste Management Franchise Agreement letter
5. FEMA Temporary Emergency Housing
6. Architect's Without Borders will meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Library
7. City will apply for FEMA Flood Insurance
8. New 'firewall' will be installed in City Hall server for the computers
9. Portland State University students working with Jesse Jones and Bill Haack
10. Roof at Old City Hall leaking and looking at bids for repair

### **Council Members Report**

Brett Costley -- Attended a great concert that was a fund raiser for flood victims

Shirlee Daughtry -- Sorry she had missed the concert was glad it was so good

Steve Whiteman --Riding the bus to Scappoose every day was quite an experience  
When the students are able to go into the modular class rooms they will need support as it will not be the same as going back into a regular class room  
Home games for the students have been held at different schools  
Coaches have donated money to the students for sports equipment, clothing etc.  
Nike donated shoes to the athletes  
Spring sports will be coming up soon

Randy Parrow – Thursday went to the Salem Armory to attend a recognition ceremony of the prisoners that helped with the flood recovery. It was great to see the prisoners and families together.

Showed a new shoe from Nike called the High Tide Hill  
98% was right on Flood Response

### **Mayors Report**

Friday met at the Library with the School Board Committee and Congressman Wu to discuss help for the schools. Congressman Wu says there is help.

Aldie went to Barnes and Noble on her behalf due to the weather not favorable to driving in.

Jimmy Lunde Band had a benefit concert for the Columbia County Flood Victims Fund

Read an article from the Rural Development Initiative January 2008 publication recognizing Scott Laird as a Ford Institute Leadership Program graduate making a positive impact in his adopted hometown of Vernonia.

The Ford Institute Leadership and the RDI training has been a positive in the Community

**Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm**

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2008

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Sally Harrison, Mayor

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Joann M Glass, City Recorder

After the regular Council Meeting February 4, 2008 the City Council, Planning Commissioners and two representatives from FEMA, Chris Shirley and George Currin participated in a joint, previously advertised, study session. The purpose of this study session was to read through the Proposed Ordinance 851 for clarity and understanding before making a final decision on February 7, 2008 at a Public Hearing.

Minutes were approved February 19, 2008